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NOTIFICATION

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"ARUNACHAL PRADESH DISTRICT MINERAL FOUNDATION (TRUST) AMENDMENT RULES, 2025"

No. DGM/DMF-15024/1/2025.—In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 9B, sub-section (4) of Section 15, Section 15 A read with Section 21 of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 and as directed by Ministry of Mines, Government of India vide Order No. 16/53/2022-M.IV, dated 15th January, 2024, the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh is pleased to amend the "Arunachal Pradesh District Mineral Foundation (Trust) Rules, 2018" as follows, namely :-

1. **Short title and commencement :**

   (1) These rules may be called the **Arunachal Pradesh District Mineral Foundation (Trust) Amendment Rules, 2025.**

   (2) It shall be deemed to have come into force on the date of its publication in the official Gazettee.

2. **Application :**

   (i) These rules shall extent to the whole State of Arunachal Pradesh.

   (ii) They shall apply to all minerals, including minor minerals as specified under the Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957 including as amended from time to time and any other minerals which the Central Government may by notification declare in the Official Gazette.

3. **Amendment of Rule 3 :** In Rule 3 of the Arunachal Pradesh District Mineral Foundation (Trust) Rules, 2018, relating to "Definitions" the existing definitions shall be substituted, modified, or inserted as per the amendments made in these Rules in conformity with the Guidelines issued by the Ministry of Mines, Government of India, dated 15th January, 2024.

   Explanation: The revised definitions shall be read as part of the Arunachal Pradesh District Mineral Foundation (Trust) (Amendment) Rules, 2025 and shall prevail over any inconsistent expressions contained in the original Rules.

4. **Amendment of Rule -6 :**

   (1) Rule 6 (i) of the principal rules shall be substituted as follows, namely : -

Sl. No.	Name and Designation	Designation in the Governing Council
(1)	(2)	(3)
1.	Deputy Commissioner	Chairperson
2.	Member of Parliament (MP) of the Lok Sabha of concerned District.	Member
3.	Member of Parliament (MP) of the Rajya Sabha of concerned District. (The Rajya Sabha MP shall intimate name of the District selected by him/her to the Secretary in charge of the Mining Department of the state who in turn shall inform the concerned Deputy Commissioner)	Member
4.	Member of Legislative Assembly (MLAs) of the concerned District.	Member

Sl. No.	Name and Designation	Designation in the Governing Council
(1)	(2)	(3)
5.	Zila Parishad Chairperson.	Member
6.	Assistant Mineral Development officer from the Department of Geology and Mining posted at District Headquarter.	Member-Secretary
7.	All AMDOs posted in the District.	Member
8.	Deputy Director, Rural Development.	Member
9.	Divisional Forest Officer.	Member
10.	Treasury Officer.	Member
11.	Executive Engineer of Public Work Department.	Member
12.	District Medical Officer or Representative.	Member
13.	Representative of the Arunachal Pradesh State Pollution Control Board.	Member
14.	Deputy Director School Education.	Member
15.	Representative of Skill Development Department.	Member
16.	Representative of Department of Social Justice, Empowerment and Tribal Affair.	Member
17.	Representative from Social Welfare, Women and Child Development.	Member
18.	Five (5) Representatives from area affected by mining or mining related activities, to be recommended by concerned Deputy Commissioner and nominated by State Government.	Member
19.	Two (2) Representatives of ML holder or mineral concession holders, to be recommended by concerned Deputy Commissioner and nominated by State Government.	Member

(2) Rule 6 (vi) of the principal rules shall be substituted as follows, namely:

(vi) The Governing Council shall meet at least twice in a year. The date of meeting of the Governing Council shall be fixed as per the convenience of the Member of Parliament who are members of the Governing Council.

5. **Amendment of Rule 10 :**

(1) After Sub Rule (ii) of Rule-10 of Principle Rule , the sub rule(iii), (A) & (B) shall be substituted as follows , namely :-

(iii) Out of the balance amount of fund and after reserving 5% of the fund as per sub-rule-10(ii) at least 70% of the DMF fund shall be utilized in PMKKKY (Pradhan Mantri Khanij Kalyan Khsetra Yozana) Schemes under High priority activities as follows:-

(A) **High Priority Sectors :** At least 70% of PMKKKY funds to be utilized under these sectors:

(a) Drinking water supply - centralized purification systems, water treatment plants, permanent/temporary water distribution network including stand-alone facilities for drinking water, laying of piped water supply system.

(b) Environment preservation and pollution control measures - effluent treatment plants, prevention of pollution of streams, lakes, ponds, ground water, other water sources in the region, measure for controlling air and dust pollution caused by mining operations and dumps, mine drainage system, mine pollution prevention technologies, and measures for working or abandoned mines and other air, water and surface pollution control mechanisms required for environment-friendly and sustainable mine development. Identification of mineral-specific pollutants and their hazard potential may be done by involving reputed educational institutes/ research institutions. The fund may be allocated for the identification of the hazards, setting up air quality monitors and displays and undertaking measures for the implementation of the recommendations of the research.

(c) Health Care - the focus must be on people whose health is affected due to mining, creation of primary / secondary health care facilities in the affected areas. The emphasis should not be only on the creation of the health care infrastructure, but also on provision of necessary staffing (doctors/paramedical/support staff), equipment and supplies required for making such facilities effective. To that extent, the effort should be to supplement and work in convergence with the existing health care infrastructure of the local bodies, State and Central Government. The expertise available with the National Institute of Miners' Health may also be drawn upon to design special infrastructure needed to take care of mining related illnesses and diseases, mobile health care units in the mining affected areas. Group Insurance Scheme for health care may be implemented for mining affected persons.

(d) Education - construction of school/college/vocational training institute buildings, additional class rooms, laboratories, libraries, art and crafts rooms, toilet blocks, drinking water provisions, residential schools, residential hostels for students of affected areas and teachers in remote areas, sports infrastructure, engagement of teachers/other supporting staff, e-learning setup, other arrangement of transport facilities (bus/van/cycles/rickshaws etc.) and nutrition related programs. Financial support to students of affected areas for pursuing education in government/government aided institutions of higher education.

(e) Welfare of Women and Children - Special programmes for addressing problems of maternal and child health, malnutrition, infectious diseases, etc. can be taken up under the PMKKKY.

(f) Welfare of aged and differently abled - Special program and medical support for welfare of aged and differently abled people and financial assistance to District Disability Rehabilitation Centres (DDRCs).

(g) Skill development and Livelihood generation - skill development for livelihood support, income generation and economic activities for local eligible persons. The projects / schemes may include training, training kits, development of skill development center, incubation center, self-employment schemes, support to Self Help Groups and provision of forward and backward linkages for such self-employment economic activities, works to improve and showcase the arts and crafts of the affected people and areas, collection and processing of minor forest produce.

(h) Sanitation - collection, transportation and disposal of waste, cleaning of public places, provision of proper drainage and Sewage Treatment Plant, provision for disposal of fecal sludge, provision of toilets and other related activities.

(i) Housing - Provision of pucca housing for mining affected people not covered under Central or State schemes.

(j) Agriculture - Activities related to agriculture, horticulture and agroforestry. Assistance to farmers through trainings, support to FPOs/ collectives/cooperatives, support for setting up of food processing units, storage including cold storage, marketing facilities like market yards etc., plantation, processing of medicinal herbs.

(k) Animal Husbandry - Promotion of livestock, poultry, piggery, fishery, feed and fodder development and supporting innovation in animal husbandry, Farmers Producer Organizations (FPOs), Self Help Groups (SHGs), Farmer Cooperative Organisations (FCOs).

(B) **Other Priority Sectors :** Up to 30% of the PMKKKY funds to be utilized under these sectors

(a) Physical infrastructure - providing required physical infrastructure - roads, bridges, railways and waterways projects.

(b) Irrigation - developing alternate sources of irrigation including check dams and diversion weirs, adoption of suitable and advanced irrigation techniques, assistance for micro irrigation facilities including drip irrigation, assistance for bore wells and pump energization.

(c) Energy and Watershed Development - Development of alternate sources of energy (including micro-hydel, decentralized solar or other renewable sources) and rainwater harvesting system. Development of orchards, integrated farming and agroforestry and restoration of catchments.

(d) Any other measures for enhancing environmental quality in the mining affected District.

(2) After Sub Rule (E) of Rule 11 of Principle Rule, the following new sub rule (F) shall be inserted as follows, namely:-

(F) Distribution of funds in directly and indirectly affected areas: A minimum of 70% of the DMF funds shall be spent only in the directly affected area as specified in Rule 11(1) (a).

6. **Amendment of Rule-11**

(1) Sub-Rule (2) (A) of Rule-11 of the principle Rules shall be substituted as follows, namely :-

(a) **Directly affected areas :** Villages and gram panchayats or Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) within which the mines are situated and are operational. Such mining areas may extend to neighboring village/town, block or district or even State.

(i) An area within such radius from a mine or cluster of mines as may be specified by the State Government.

(ii) Villages/wards in which families displaced by mines have been resettled/rehabilitated by the project authorities.

(iii) Villages/wards that significantly depend on the mining areas for meeting their economic needs and have usufruct and traditional rights over the project areas, for instance, for grazing, collection of minor forest produce etc. should be considered as directly affected areas.

Provided that directly affected area is an area within such radius from a mine or cluster of mines as may be specified by the State Government but shall not extend beyond 15 km from the boundary of the mines of mineral.

(2) After the first paragraph of Ssub-Rule (2) (b) of rule 11 of the principal rules, a new paragraph shall be inserted as follows, namely:-

Indirectly affected area is an area beyond the directly affected area and within such radius from a mine or cluster of mines as may be specified by the State Government but not more than 25 km from boundary of mines of mineral, irrespective of whether this falls within the district concerned or adjacent District.

(3) After the second paragraph of sub-rule (2) (b) of rule 11 of the principal rules, a new paragraph (c) shall be inserted as follows, namely:-

(c) The DMF shall prepare and maintain an updated list of such directly and indirectly affected areas.

(4) Sub-Rule (3) (a) of Rule-11 of the principle Rules shall be substituted as follows, namely :-

(a) The following shall include directly affected persons:

(i) 'Affected family' as defined under Section 3 (c) of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013.

(ii) 'Displaced family' as defined under Section 3 (k) of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013.

(iii) Any other as appropriately identified by the concerned Gram Sabha/ ULB in directly or indirectly affected area.

(b) Persons affected by mining should include people who have legal and occupational rights over the land being mined, those with usufruct and traditional rights, and those whose livelihoods have been affected due to mining.

(c) Affected families should be identified, as far as possible, in consultation with local/elected representatives of Gram Sabha/Urban Local Body (ULB) in directly or indirectly affected area.

(d) The DMF shall prepare and maintain an updated list of such affected persons/local communities. The list shall be revisited for updation at least once every 5 years.

7. **Amendment of Rule 12 :**

(1) Rule 12 of the Principle Rule shall be substituted as follows, namely:-

(a) **Convergence of Schemes :** The developmental and welfare activities to be taken up under the PMKKKY should be, as far as possible, in the nature of complementing the ongoing schemes/projects being funded by the State as well as Central Government. Activities meant to be taken up under the 'polluter pays principle' should not be taken up under the PMKKKY. However, without prejudice to the powers of the Foundation, efforts shall be made to achieve convergence with the State and the District Plans so that the activities taken up by the Foundation supplement the development and welfare activities and are treated as extra-budgetary resources for the State Plan. The DMFs shall focus on convergence with ongoing central and state schemes for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in mining affected areas. While formulating schemes, DMFs will give priority to achieving targets under Aspirational Districts Programme and Aspirational Blocks Programme.

(b) **Project Management Unit :** An amount not exceeding 5% of the annual receipts of the Foundation may be utilised for administrative, supervisory and overhead costs of the Foundation. As far as possible, no temporary/permanent posts should be created under the District Mineral Foundation. Any creation of temporary/permanent posts and purchase of vehicle by the foundation shall require prior approval of the State Government. However, minimum required staff can be engaged on contractual basis. In order to enhance the capacity of the DMFs and for effective utilization of DMF funds, the DMF with annual collection in the excess of ₹ 50 crore shall set up a Project Management Unit for planning, technical, accounting and monitoring support and the cost of such PMU may be met from administrative expenses. The PMU may engage required qualified manpower on contractual basis. Engagement of personnel for projects under the PMKKKY shall be purely contractual for a limited period only.

(c) **Endowment fund :** A reasonable sum not exceeding 10% of the annual receipts should be kept as endowment fund for providing sustainable livelihood. The districts having annual collection of ₹ 10 crore or more shall maintain an endowment fund. The endowment fund may be invested in government securities/bonds and FDs of scheduled banks and other instruments as are permitted by the State Government. The endowment fund should be used for creating and sustaining livelihoods in areas where mining activity has stopped due to any reason including exhaustion of mineral.

(d) **Affected area in more than one district :** If the affected area of a mine in one district also falls in the jurisdiction of another district (even if it is in another State), such percentage of amount collected from the mine by the Foundation, in proportion of affected areas, shall be transferred to the Foundation of the other district concerned for taking up the activities in such areas. A project that is for benefit of the affected area/ people, but stretches beyond the geographical boundary of the district should be taken up under the PMKKKY after obtaining prior approval of the State Government.

8. **Amendment of Rule-19 :** Rule 19 of the Principle Rule shall be substituted as follows, namely:-

(1) **Transparency and Accountability**

(a) Each Foundation will prepare and maintain a website/ or a specific section on the website of the District Administration on which, inter-alia, the following information will be hosted and kept updated: -

(i) Details of composition of the Governing Council and Managing Committee of DMF/by whatever name called.

(ii) List of areas and people affected by mining (including periodic updation).

(iii) Quarterly details of all contributions received from lessees and others.

(iv) All meeting agenda, minutes and action taken reports (ATRs) of the DMF.

(v) 5 years Perspective Plan, details of investment of endowment fund, Annual Plans and budget, work orders and Annual Report within 30 days of issuance of the document.

(vi) Online status of ongoing works - implementation status/progress of all the projects/programs being undertaken under PMKKKY should be made available on the website, including description of work, details of beneficiaries, estimated cost, name of implementing agencies, expected date of commencement and completion of work, financial and physical progress up to the previous quarter etc.

(vii) List of beneficiaries under various welfare programs.

(viii) Voluntary disclosures under RTI Act.

(b) Each Foundation shall display description of the project and amount sanctioned on a notice board at the project site.

(c) Information, Education and Communication (IEC) activities to create awareness regarding schemes implemented under PMKKKY through social media, films, videos etc.

(d) The District Mineral Foundation (DMF) shall share information pertaining to performance of DMF including deposit of funds and implementation of works to the State Government and Ministry of Mines, Government of India as per the formats prescribed and manner specified.

(e) The Central Government shall develop an online portal for facilitating administration of DMF including approval of projects, release of funds and monitoring of implementation of the projects. Each DMF shall compulsorily sanction, release funds and monitor execution of projects through the online portal only from the date as may be notified by the Central Government.

9. **Amendment of Rule- 21:** Rule 21 of the Principle Rule shall be substituted as follows, namely;

(1) **21. Audit**

(a) The accounts of the DMF shall be audited by the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) as per schedule decided by CAG.

(b) The accounts of the DMF shall be audited every year by a Chartered Accountant appointed by the DMF, or in such other manner as the Government may specify and the report thereof shall be placed in the public domain alongwith the Annual Report

10. **Amendment of Rule- 22 :** Rule 22 of the Principle Rule shall be substituted as follows, namely;

(1) **22. Annual Report**

(a) Every year, within three months from the date of closure of the financial year, the DMF shall cause to prepare an Annual Report on its activities for the respective financial year and place it before the DMF.

(b) The Annual Report will be submitted to the State Government within one month from the date of its approval by the DMF and will also be hosted on the website of the Foundation.

(c) The Annual Report of each Foundation shall be laid before the State Legislative Assembly.

11. **Insertion of Rule-33 :** After Rule 32 of the principle rules, new rule shall be inserted as follows, namely :

(1) **33. Five years perspective planning and yearly plan** : For complete coverage of all affected people and areas in a systematic and time-bound manner, long-term planning is essential. For proper utilization of funds for the implementation of works using District Mineral Foundation (DMF) funds:

(i) The Districts shall conduct a baseline survey through Academic Institutions/ Renowned organisations/ agencies for perspective plan formulation. Gram Sabha/Local Bodies may aid in preparation of need assessment reports. The DMF may also use the baseline survey undertaken by any Department, if available. The reference and major findings of the surveys should be included in the Perspective Plans under PMKKKY for the District.

(ii) Based on the findings and gaps as identified through the baseline survey or any such survey/assessment, the DMF shall prepare a strategy for five years and the same shall be included in the Perspective Plan. The five year Perspective Plan shall be prepared taking into account current balance available and likely accrual to the DMF over a period of five years. The five year Perspective Plan shall be disaggregated into year-wise action plans.

(iii) The five year Perspective Plan shall have separate sections on all priority sectors like drinking water, health, education, welfare of women and children, etc and other sectors like roads, irrigation etc

(iv) The five year Perspective Plan shall be approved by the Governing Council of the DMF and displayed on the website of the DMF.

(v) The Annual Plans of the DMF to be approved by Governing Council each year shall be based upon the five year perspective plan and success achieved in fulfilling its targets in earlier years. The Annual Plans may include some other works and expenditures considered urgent in nature although not included in the perspective plan to a maximum extent of 10% of the annual plan.

(vi) The State Government may empanel renowned organization / agencies/ universities for conducting the baseline surveys and preparing five year perspective plans.

(vii) The Governing Council shall approve the five years perspective plan and annual plan comprising of list of projects to be taken up in financial years.

12. **Insertion of Rule-34:** After a newly inserted Rule 33 , a new rule-34 shall be inserted as follows namely :

Rule-34 : Restriction on fund transfer from DMF : In respect to the DMF funds of the districts:

(i) The provisions of Section 9B of the Act shall be strictly adhered to in respect of utilisation of funds by the District Mineral Foundations;

(ii) No fund shall be transferred in any manner from the District Mineral Foundations to the State exchequer or State level fund (by whatever name called) or Chief Minister's Relief Fund or any other funds or schemes; and

(iii) No sanction or approval of any expenditure out of the fund of the District Mineral Foundation shall be done at the State level by the State Government or any State level agency.

(iv) No fund shall be spent outside directly or indirectly affected areas within a district or for other than affected people as defined in Rule11 (2).

(v) No fund shall be transferred in any manner from one district to another district except as mentioned in Rule 12 (d).

(vi) The approval of expenditure of funds from DMF lies solely with the Governing Council of DMF. The State Government or State level Committee (by whatever name called) shall not have overarching authority on sanction of projects, approval of funds/ expenditure and their function shall be limited to monitoring effective implementation of projects sanctioned under PMKKKY.

13. **Insertion of Rule-35 :** After a newly inserted Rule 34 , a new rule-35 shall be inserted as follows namely :

Rule-35: State Level Monitoring Committee

(1) Composition of State Level Monitoring Committee: The State Level Monitoring Committee shall consist of the following namely:-

(i) Chairman : Chief Secretary

(ii) Member Secretary : Secretary, Department of Geology and Mining

(iii) Member : Secretary, Finance Department

(iv) Member: Secretary, Planning and Investment

(v) One representative from Ministry of Mines, Government of India"

(2) The Government shall constitute a cell to be called "State Level Nodal District Mineral Foundation Cell" for monitoring activities of District Mineral Foundations in the State and shall act as the Secretariat to the State Level Monitoring Committee.

(3) The State Level Monitoring Committee shall monitor performance of District Mineral Foundations and compliance of transparency norms, audit and annual report of District Mineral Foundations.

(4) The State Level Monitoring Committee shall meet at least twice in a year.

14. **Insertion of rule 36 :** After a newly inserted rule 35 a new rule shall be inserted as follows, namely:-

(1) **36. Grievance Redressal**

(a) The District Mineral Foundations shall devise and implement a grievance redressal mechanism so that each grievance is redressed, and a suitable reply is given to the complainant within (30) thirty days of making a complaint to the Collector or any other officer as may be notified.

(b) The State Government may, on receipt of any complaint/public grievance shall ensure each grievance is redressed by District Mineral Foundation and a suitable reply is given to the complainant within the stipulated timeframe.

(c) The Central Government may, on receipt of any complaint/public grievance regarding improper utilization of DMF funds, poor implementation of projects or violation of PMKKKY guidelines -

(i) Refer the complaint to the State Government for submitting a detailed Action Taken Report. The State Government shall submit a detailed Action Taken Report within 2 months from receipt of reference from the Government of India.

(ii) Alternatively, if it considers fit, the Central Government may get an inquiry conducted by a Central team, or any third party on such complaint.

(iii) On receipt of the Action Taken Report by the State Government or report of Central Team or the third party, the Central Government shall direct the State Government to take necessary corrective measures within one month of receipt of such direction.

(iv) The State Government shall submit a report on implementation of corrective measures.

15. **Insertion of rule 37** : After a newly inserted rule 36 a new rule shall be inserted as follows, namely:

(1) **Rule-37 : Compliance Mechanism**

(a) In case, a DMF -

(i) fails to maintain an endowment fund as mandated in rule 12(c)

(ii) transfers any fund in violation of rule-34.

(iii) fails to comply with any of the clauses in rule-19.

(iv) fails to get the accounts audited as mandated in rule-21 (b)

(v) fails to prepare and publish annual report as mandated in rule -22.

(vi) fails to follow directions of State Government or Central Government in rule-36.

The State Government or the Central Government may direct -

(b) Suspension of sanction of any or all new works or execution of any or all of already sanctioned works; and/or suspension of release of funds for any or all the works by the bank(s) where DMF fund is deposited or the bank account of the executing agencies where funds have been transferred from DMF.

(c) The State Government or the Central Government may, after being satisfied that necessary corrective measures have been taken, withdraw such suspension.

(d) In case any direction under b. or c. above is given by the Central Government the withdrawal of such direction shall only be done by the Central Government.

16. **Insertion of rule 38** : After a newly inserted rule 37, a new rule shall be inserted as follows, namely:

(1) **Rule-38 : Harmonization of District Mineral Foundation Trust Deed Format :** Notwithstanding anything contained in these Rules or in the prescribed format of the District Mineral Foundation (Trust) Deed appended hereto, the format and clauses of the said Trust Deed shall be deemed to be modified, read and construed in conformity with the amendments made to these Rules, as and where applicable.

The respective District Mineral Foundations shall accordingly revise and adopt their Trust Deeds mutatis mutandis to ensure consistency with these amended Rules.

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